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Rainfall in the Great Lakes basin was again well below average in August. All of the Great Lakes basin received less than average rainfall. The following table shows estimated rainfall for the month of August.


Provisional Great Lakes Precipitation (inches)				
Basin	1989*	1900-88 Average	Diff.	% of Ave.
Superior	2.7	3.2	-0.5	85%
Mich-Huron	2.7	3.1	-0.4	85%
Erie	2.6	3.1	-0.5	85%
Ontario	1.9	3.1	-1.2	60%
Great Lakes	2.6	3.1	-0.5	85%
* Estimated				

The National Weather Service is forecasting near-average rainfall in September for all of the Great Lakes basin. The forecast for September's temperatures is for near-average throughout the basin, except for below-average for the eastern half of the Lake Ontario basin.

Water levels, except for Lakes Superior and Michigan-Huron, are somewhat above average for this time of year. It appears that all of the Lakes, except Superior, are in their seasonal decline towards their winter lows.

The Phase I Progress Report from the Project Management Team (PMT) on the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Levels Reference Study has been submitted to the International Joint Commission (IJC). The PMT invites interested persons to submit comments on its Phase I Progress Report on Saturday, October 14, 1989 in Hamilton, Ontario during a Public Forum on the Levels Study. Those wishing to attend the Public Forum or obtain a copy of the report should contact Kim Tassier, International Joint Commission at (202) 673-6222.

The IJC will continue to receive written comments on the Phase I Progress Report, in addition to suggestions on the study's approach to Phase II, through November 30, 1989. In Canada, send written comments to the International Joint Commission, 100 Metcalfe Street, 18th floor, Ottawa, ON K1P 5M1. In the United States, send written comments to the International Joint Commission, 2001 S Street NW, Second floor, Washington, DC 20440.


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